

**REMARKS**


Claims 1, 9, 17 and 24-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9, 17 and 24-26 are allowed. By this Amendment, claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 18 and 20-22 are canceled, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter found therein.

The Office Action rejects claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 18 and 20-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. The rejection of canceled claims 2, 4-8, 10, 12-16, 18 and 20-22 is moot. Thus, it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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